period (2002-03 to 2005-06) are as under:

State	Number of trees felled
Uttar Pradesh	64883
Gujarat	290771
Maharashtra	751613
Madhya Pradesh	922387

Closure of stone crushing factories

2015. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware about closure of various stone crushing factories in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that hundreds of workers in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh are jobless due to closure of mine industries; and

(c) the reasons why these industries were forced to close in the name of environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had received 11 (eleven) proposals for grant of mining lease for sand stone under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Bundelkhand region, in the year 1998. However, on processing the proposals it was observed that certain essential details had not been provided by the State Government. The State Government was, accordingly, requested to provide the complete information. Since the requisite information has not been provided by the State Government, the said proposals stand closed.

Inter-Governmental Panel on climate change

2016. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no representative from his Ministry was present when the United Nation's Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change report was being finalized by representatives from more than 100 countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The nominated representative of the Ministry of Environment & Forests could not attend the Session of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change Working Group-I held in Paris during 29 January - 1 February 2007 owing to illness, however, an official from the Embassy of India in Paris attended the meeting.

Green India Scheme

2017. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) under Green India Scheme how much allocation of funds have been made to hilly States and other States;

(b) whether Government have promulgated any special scheme to ensure additional income for rural hilly women;

(c) if so, the progress made; and

(d) whether Government formulated a special policy for science, technology and environment in hilly States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Under Grants-in-aid for Greening India Scheme, a total amount of Rs. 6.4 crores is provided for the year 2006-07. No state-wise allocation is provided under the scheme. However, funds are separately available for North-Eastern Region to the tune of Rs. 1.6 crores and for the Rest of India to the tune of Rs. 4.8 crores.

(b) and (c) There is no special scheme promulgated by this Ministry to ensure additional income for rural hilly women.

(d) There is no special policy formulated for science, technology and environment in hilly States, by this Ministry.